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JAMAICAN WITH SURGICALLY ALTERED FINGERPRINTS SENTENCED TO 13 MONTHS IN PRISON

TUCSON, Ariz. – Marc Terrance George, 41, of Jamaica, was sentenced here today by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson to 13 months in prison, to be followed by deportation, after he pleaded guilty on February 27, 2006 of illegal entry after deportation.

George attempted to enter the U.S. illegally on September 24, 2005 through the Nogales, Ariz. Port of Entry during which time U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers noted that his fingerprints had been surgically replaced with skin from his feet. George stated that this procedure had been done to “clean” his identity by a doctor in Phoenix.

"This case demonstrates what extraordinary and drastic measures people will take to enter our country illegally," stated U.S. Attorney Paul K. Charlton. "It proves as well that our fingerprint identification systems have gained a significant reputation in the criminal world."

Prior to deportation, George will be extradited to the State of New Jersey to face money laundering charges in state court in that jurisdiction.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The prosecution was handled by Danny Roetzel, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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